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1. (Unclassified - JMM) Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, called regarding press stories of Agency involvement in the Ellsberg matter. I summarized the facts as I understood them (see Memorandum for the Record). He said Chairman Mahon would like a written summary on this subject not later than Wednesday, 9 May, which I said we would provide.

2. (Unclassified - JMM) In the absence of Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, I called Jack Ticer, of the Committee staff, and filled him in on the highlights of our involvement in the Ellsberg matter with the request that he pass it on to Braswell. I covered the same points which I discussed with Ralph Preston earlier. (See Memorandum for the Record of my conversation with Preston.)

3. (Unclassified - JMM) Called Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and provided him with further details on our involvement in the Ellsberg matter covering the same points I covered with Ralph Preston. (See Memorandum for the Record of my conversation with Preston.)

4. (Unclassified - GLC) Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called and said Chairman McClellan has called the Director and has asked him to brief the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee on the recent disclosures of Agency involvement in the Ellsberg case on Wednesday, 9 May, at 2 p.m., in room S. 126 of the Capitol. He said the Chairman would like General Cushman, STAT and Mr. Helms to also be present. I told McConnell that Cushman and Helms were no longer associated with the Agency and it was my understanding that both were out of the country and I suggested the Committee contact these men directly.

In response to his earlier suggestion, I told McConnell the Director would like to slip his budget briefing of the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee and suggested Tuesday, 19 June, but indicated he could do it most any time that week. I also indicated the Director could cover the intelligence community and the Agency budgets in morning and afternoon sessions on the same day.

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